

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2023, amended, to provide for a land exchange between the Ironton Country Club of Ironton, OH, and the Secretary of Agriculture involving Wayne National Forest; H.R. 3387, to designate the Southern Piedmont Conservation Research Center located at 1420 Experimental Station Road in Watkinsville, GA, as the "J. Phil Campbell, Senior Natural Resources Conservation Center"; H.R. 2670, amended, to provide for the release of the reversionary interest held by the United States in certain property located in the County of Iosco, MI; and H.R. 3464, amended, to make a minor adjustment in the exterior boundary of the Devils Backbone Wilderness in the Mark Twain National Forest, MO, to exclude a small parcel of land containing improvements.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee held a hearing on those measures and on the following bills: H.R. 1223, to amend the act of June 15, 1938, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to purchase lands within the boundaries of certain National Forests in the State of California to include the Angeles National Forest and to expand the purpose for which such purchases may be made; and H.R. 3541, to provide for an exchange of lands with the city of Greeley, CO, and the Water Supply and Storage Co. to eliminate private inholdings in wilderness areas, to cause instream flows to be created above a wild and scenic river, to eliminate potential development on private inholdings within the forest boundary, to reduce the need for future water reservoirs, to reduce the number of Federal land uses authorizations, and to improve the security of the water supply of the city and the company. Testimony was heard from Representatives Cremeans and Barcia; Janice McDougle, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, USDA.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies approved for full Committee action the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

VA, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies approved for full Committee action the Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies appropriations for fiscal year 1997.

MANAGED CARE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Contract Issues and Quality Standards for Managed Care. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROMOTING NATURAL GAS VEHICLES—FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ROLE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Federal Government's Role in Promoting Natural Gas Vehicles. Testimony was heard from Kyle Simpson, Associate Deputy for Programs, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

IDEA IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3268, IDEA Improvement Act of 1996.

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs, and Criminal Justice held a hearing on Ballistic Missile Defense: Responding to the Current Ballistic Missile Threat. Testimony was heard from Representative Weldon of Pennsylvania; R. James Woolsey, former Director, CIA; and public witnesses.

U.S. ROLE—IRANIAN ARMS TRANSFERS—BOSNIA AND CROATIA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the U.S. Role in Iranian Arms Transfers to Bosnia and Croatia. Testimony was heard from Charles E. Redman, U.S. Ambassador to Germany; and Peter W. Galbraith, U.S. Ambassador to Croatia.

SOUTHEAST ASIA REGIONAL SECURITY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Southeast Asia Regional Security: Dragons, Dominoes, and Dynamos. Testimony was heard from Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Kurt Campbell, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of Defense; Gen. Michael Carns, USAF (Ret.),

former Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force; and public witnesses.

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Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3434, amended, Revolving Door Act of 1996; H.R. 3435, amended, Lobbying Disclosure Technical Amendments Act of 1996; and H.R. 3396, Defense of Marriage Act.

OVERSIGHT—MINERAL RESOURCES SURVEY PROGRAMS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on the mineral resources survey programs of the United States Geological Survey. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: P. Patrick Lahey, Chief Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey; and W. Hord Tipton, Assistant Director, Resource Use and Protection, Bureau of Land Management; Jonathan G. Price, Director/State Geologist, Bureau of Mines and Geology, State of Nevada; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARIES PRESERVATION ACT; FEDERAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COORDINATION IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3487, amended, National Marine Sanctuaries Preservation Act; and H.R. 3537, Federal Oceanographic Coordination Improvement Act of 1996.

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Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3147, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal lands in the State of California managed by the Bureau of Land Management of certain non-Federal lands; H.R. 2135, to provide for the correction of boundaries of certain lands in Clark County, NV, acquired by persons who purchased such lands in good faith reliance on existing private land surveys; and H.R. 2711, to provide for the substitution of timber for the canceled Elkhorn Ridge timber sale. Testimony was heard from Representatives Radanovich and Riggs; Mat Millenbach, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 3540, making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997. The rule waives points of order against consideration of the bill for failing to comply with clause 1(b) of rule X (requiring a detailed explanation in the committee report on any rescissions or transfers of unexpected balances), or clause 7 of rule XXI (the 3-day requirement for availability of printed hearings and reports).

The rule provides that the bill shall be considered by title rather than by paragraph and that each title shall be considered as read. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill which do not comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations and legislation on general appropriation bills), clause 5(b) of rule XXI (prohibiting the reporting of legislation carrying a tax or tariff by any committee not having jurisdiction), and clause 6 of rule XXI (prohibiting transfers of unobligated balances), except as specified in the rule.

The rule accords priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. The chairman of the Committee on the Whole may postpone recorded votes on any amendment and the chairman may reduce voting time on postponed questions to 5 minutes, provided that the vote takes place immediately following another recorded vote and that the voting time on the first in a series of questions be not less than 15 minutes.

The rule provides that if a motion to rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted is offered by the Majority Leader or a designee, after the reading of the final lines of the bill, it shall have precedence over a motion to amend. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Representatives Callahan and Wilson.

EPA'S COMPLIANCE WITH PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs held a hearing on the EPA's compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Thomas E. Kelly, Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Evaluation, Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation, EPA.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 3267, Child Pilot Safety Act; H.R. 3536, Airline Pilot Hiring and Safety Act; and H.R. 3539, amended, Federal Aviation Authorization Act of 1996.

VETERANS LEGISLATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Education, Training, Employment and Housing approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2851, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for approval of enrollment in courses offered at certain branches or extensions of proprietary profit institutions of higher learning in operation for more than 2 years; and H.R. 3459, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the enhanced loan asset sale authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Veterans Preference, Reduction-in-Force, Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) and on a proposed VA education services measure. Testimony was heard from Representative Mica; Preston Taylor, Assistant Secretary, Veterans Employment and Training, Department of Labor; James B. King, Director, OPM; Celia Dollarhide, Director, Education Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

BOSNIA/IRAN ARMS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Bosnia/Iran Arms. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D510)

H.R. 1743, to amend the Water Resources Research Act of 1984 to extend the authorization of appropriations through fiscal year 2000. Signed May 24, 1996. (P.L. 104-147)

H.R. 1836, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire property in the town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, for inclusion in the Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge. Signed May 24, 1996. (P.L. 104-148)

H.R. 2066, to amend the National School Lunch Act to provide greater flexibility to schools to meet the Dietary Guidelines for Americans under the school lunch and school breakfast programs. Signed May 29, 1996. (P.L. 104-149)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,
MAY 31, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

House

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Subcommittee on Postsecondary Education, Training and Life-Long Learning, hearing on H.R. 2428, to encourage the donation of food and grocery products to nonprofit organizations for distribution to needy individuals by giving the Model Good Samaritan Food Donation Act the full force and effect of law, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of June 3 through 8, 1996

Senate Chamber

On *Monday and Tuesday*, Senate will resume consideration of a motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1635, Defend America Act, with a cloture vote to occur on the motion on Tuesday, June 4, 1996, at 2:15 p.m.

During the balance of the week Senate may consider H.R. 3230, National Defense Authorization Act, any legislative and executive items, and conference reports cleared for consideration.

(Senate will recess on Tuesday, June 4, 1996, from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: June 5, to hold hearings to examine proposals to reform the Commodity Exchange Act, 9:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: June 4 and 5, Subcommittee on Defense, Tuesday, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year for the Department of Defense, focusing on the chemical demilitarization program, 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, focusing on medical programs, 10 a.m.; Tuesday in SD-138 and Wednesday in SD-192.

June 5, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on peacekeeping and international organizations and programs, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: June 6, Subcommittee on Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation, to hold hearings on S. 1703, to revitalize and expand the scope of operations of the National Park Foundation to assist in the preservation of America's national parks, 2 p.m., SD-366.